



CINDERELLA STORY

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EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, A HOME IS BUILT THAT IS NOT MERELY MEANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL INTERPRETATION OF BEAUTY; IT IS SOMETHING MORE. What results is a home that functions so well that its aesthetic is more of a consequence than a starting point. Such is the case with the Tucson residence designed by architect Kathy Hancox, of Tucson-based HK Associates Inc. While it is surely impressive with its sleek, contemporary lines and transparent vistas, the desert marvel is more Cinderella than Sleeping Beauty. It is the way the home works diligently to accommodate the homeowners' lifestyles and commitment to green living, while other structures are at rest, that truly makes it exceptional. "The experience of the house," says Hancox, "is really about

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BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 7 SQUARE FEET 4,000



STYLE SELECTION

Hanging pendants from Niche Modern provide a contemporary accent while adding a much-needed infusion of color to the dining room. *Solitaire*, \$450 each; nichemodern.com

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aligning and complementing the owners' daily activities and the way they like to live with the site and its surroundings."

The homeowners' love of entertaining mandated much of the design, creating a need for plenty of indoor/outdoor space that would allow them to play host to frequent guests and gatherings. As a result, Hancox used one of the most affecting tools at her disposal—breathtaking panoramas of the Santa Catalina mountains—to elevate the residence's floor plan, literally. "Since all of the major views are best seen from about 12 feet above ground level, I decided to put the living space on the second floor to really take advantage of them," she explains. "I integrated some decks off of the living and dining rooms, allowing the whole area to open up and creating some different scaled spaces for guests to congregate and enjoy themselves."



TAKE OUT

The patio off the dining room makes it easy for guests to transition from eating around the homeowners' antique carved table to enjoying the sights of the distant city outside.

RUST RUN

The steel used for the roof was left untreated to allow it to weather and rust over time, adding interest to the façade as it folds over the masonry walls of the ground level.



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Private spaces, like the master bedroom and bath, as well as the gym and office, were kept on the ground floor for a more intimate and quiet connection with the desert landscape.

There is nothing quiet, however, about the impact the home makes in its Sonoran setting. The house rises from its arid foundation with stucco-clad masonry walls that match the color of the natural earth and give way to the airy glass and steel frame of the second story elevation that is then topped by a cantilevered roof plane. The composition is striking but also brilliantly executed, with the roof playing a dual function: It collects rainwater runoff and diverts it to a

DREAM FACTORY

Architect Kathy Hancox designed the bed in the master suite to complement the modern theme of the home. "The most important thing was to come up with something that would be comfortable for the clients," she says.



STYLE SELECTION

This handmade chair offers versatility and comfort with its stainless steel and wood design. *Morphology 9-7 Lounge Chair, price available upon request; ritterfurniture.com*

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belowground cistern for irrigation. And that's only one of a number of sustainable design solutions the home employs, among them an 8 kilowatt, 48 panel photovoltaic array on the roof that harnesses solar energy, and compact fluorescent and LED lighting throughout that reduce the amount of electricity used.

Hancox's approach is holistic. From the exterior construction and the green features to the interior design and the landscaping, she worked tirelessly to make all the elements seamless and cohesive. "I like to think of everything to make sure there's a real consistency that occurs throughout," she says. "I don't distinguish the interior as a separate thing;



NIGHT LIGHT
The fireplace in the living room acts as a showcase for the homeowners' collection of embroidered fabric panels, called mola, from Panama, while adding heat and light to the indoor/outdoor configuration of the space.



COLOR GUARD

In the entry courtyard, Hancox backlit a glass wall using LEDs to accommodate the homeowners' love of color. They can choose from a varied spectrum according to mood or festivity, thanks to an integrated color wheel.



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it's still a part of the architecture, and the materials I use inside are often the same ones I've used outside." The stucco implemented on the façade was introduced to the interiors for a monolithic look, providing a sturdy backdrop for the pops of color that highlight the home and the clean, timeless furnishings that Hancox selected.

But even for all her planning and anticipation, she couldn't quite control everything: "One day, during construction, a wild boar got into the house after the concrete floors in the master bathroom had just been poured," Hancox laughs. "So now, there are Javelina footprints in the master shower! The owners and I loved the serendipitous result." **L**

GREEN ROOF

The cantilevered roof plane serves both an aesthetic and functional purpose: collecting rainwater runoff to maximize the home's green efficiency. It is one of several sustainable design elements implemented throughout the home.